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## **FORMER ROGERSVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THREE BANK ROBBERIES**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Rogersville, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to three bank robberies.

**Timothy John Hooper**, 49, formerly of Rogersville, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning to all three counts of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 12, 2004.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Hooper** admitted that he robbed the following banks:

- \* Liberty Bank, 1401 W. Highway J in Ozark, Mo., on May 12, 2004, stealing \$4,500
- \* Great Southern Bank, 2562 N. Glenstone Ave. in Springfield, Mo., on June 11, 2004, stealing \$4,397
- \* US Bank, 300 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. in Joplin, Mo., on July 2, 2004, stealing \$2,936

Under federal statutes, **Hooper** could be subject to a sentence of up to 60 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$750,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Ozark, Mo., Police Department.

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